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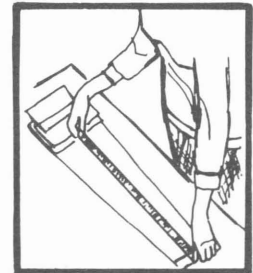
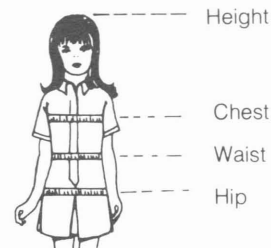
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Knowing which size fits will help you to buy attractive and comfortable clothing for yourself and your family.

Infants' clothing is bought by height and weight.



Boys' and Girls' sizes are bought by chest and waist. For girls, the hip measurement may also be useful. For boys, the inseam measurement will help when buying pants. There are also slim and chubby sizes in this category.



Toddlers' and Children's sizes are bought by weight, height, chest and waist measurements. Toddler's sizes are for children who still have their baby roundness and short legs.



Women's and teenage girls' sizes are bought by bust, waist, hip and height measurements. There are four categories.



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Misses - usually for women between 5'3" and 5'7" in height with average proportions.

Juniors - for the younger, slimmer figure, with a higher bustline and smaller waist than the misses figure. She is also shorter from shoulder to waist than the misses size.

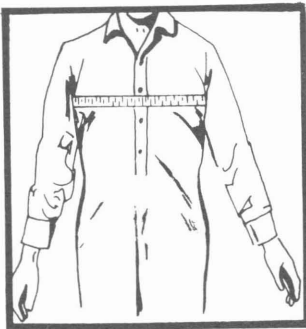
Half-Size - for the mature woman 5'4" and under with a fuller bust, waist and hip than the misses. She is also narrower in the shoulders and shorter-waisted than the misses.

Women's - for the woman who is between 5'4" and 5'7" and has a mature figure. The waist and overall length are proportionately longer than the half-size.

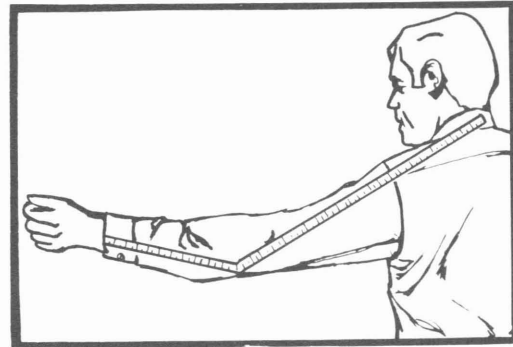
Shirts are bought by neck size and sleeve length. To find neck size, measure around the neck without pulling tightly on the measuring tape, or measure a shirt collar that fits well. Sleeve length is measured from the center back of the neck down the arm to the wrist.



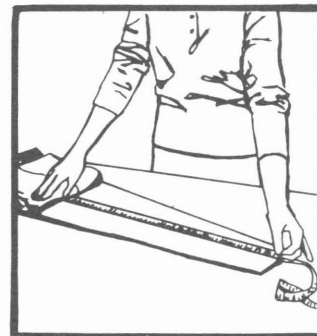
Men's clothing uses several measurements.



Coats are bought by chest size and height. Height is sized: short (5' 3"-5' 6½"); regular (5' 7"-5' 11"); long (5' 11½"-6' 2½"); extra long (6' 3"-6' 4½").



Pants are bought by waist and in-seam measurements. To find the inseam, measure from the crotch to the bottom of the pant leg on a pair of pants that fit well.



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